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Upon the recommendation of county administrator Kathy Lolley, commissioners voted to allow Lolley to receive estimates for the lawn care at the Enterprise Courthouse instead of accepting bids. Lolley said this service should be under the bid law amount thus allowing the county to receive estimates.

Commissioners also voted to allow the chairman to pursue a \$6,000 grant from ADECA for the Coffee County Water Authority. The funds it received will be used for three water well hookups in the county.

In his report to commissioners, Sheriff Dave Sutton wel-

comed the new commissioners and invited them to come tour the jail and sheriff's department facility.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved a landfill credit application for Standard Roofing of Montgomery.
- Approved a motion to draw up a resolution for all commissioners who have served four years through the years.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Nov. 24, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

HRDC currently taking LIHEAP applications

Human Resource Development Corporation (HRDC) will begin taking Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications on December 1, 2008. Those interested in making an appointment should contact their local HRDC office.

An applicant must be the head of household or spouse of the household. If an applicant is 60 years or older or disabled, he/she can authorize, in writing, an individual to apply for him/her.

The applicant must provide proof of the total household

(gross) income for the month of November, 2008, a copy of a recent heating bill and a social security number of the applicant and all household members. If the applicant did not have any income for the month of November, 2008, he/she must provide written verification from a reliable source.

Reminder

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27. Therefore, special deadlines will be in place.

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COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTED THE OATH OF OFFICE last Wednesday morning, Nov. 12, prior to the start of their first meeting of the new term. The oath was administered by Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill (far left). Coffee County Commissioners include (from left): Al Britt, District Four; Kim Ellis, District Two; Dean Smith, District One; Tom Grimsley, District Seven; Robert Stephens, District Three; Bernest Brooks, District Five; and Jim Thompson, District Six.

Linda Westbrook honored with reception at Zion Chapel Senior Center

Retiring County Commissioner Linda Westbrook was honored on Sunday, November 9th for her years of service to the people of Coffee County. She chose not to seek re-election after serving three terms on the county commission, including being selected by her fellow commissioners to serve chairperson for the Commission during part of that time.

The event was held in the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center, a facility which Mrs. Westbrook helped fund for the community. She was also instrumental in securing funding for the new building which is now used for the Center's activities.

Commissioner Westbrook was presented with a plaque depicting both the old wooden senior center which was moved onto the lot and the modern, new building which replaced it. Several hundred friends and family members attended the reception and enjoyed refreshments with the Westbrooks.



Commissioner Linda Westbrook and husband Chip are shown greeting well-wishers, James and Mathelyn Farris as the couple entered the November 9th reception.



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During Coffee County Commission meeting Sheriff encourages citizens to "be safe" during holiday

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting, Sheriff Dave Sutton encouraged citizens to "be safe" during the holiday season.

"As we approach the holiday season, we need to put our safety measures in place not only in our homes but also when we travel," Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton said. "Be safe and know we're here if you need us."

Coffee County Sheriff's Department chief deputy R.W. Whitworth echoed the sheriff's remarks reminding officials that such incidents as suicides, burglaries and thefts tend to rise during the holiday season, which begins this week with

Thanksgiving.

On a positive note, Whitworth said the department's success rate in solving burglaries is somewhere between 90-95 percent. He accredited this to a tremendous job done by investigators.

He said the national average arrest rate for burglary cases is less than 17 percent. According to Whitworth, the sheriff's department currently employs one drug investigator, and two general investigators, and 16 deputies including the sheriff and chief deputy.

During his routine report to commissioners, Whitworth provided an activity update from January-October 2008.

During this time frame, he said the department has made

127 drug arrests, investigated 17 sex offenses, investigated 48 domestic violence cases and investigated 32 burglaries. Other drug cases investigated included 21 meth labs, 16 for trafficking, 36 for controlled substances, 12 for marijuana and 18 for manufacturing.

Also during this time frame, Whitworth said the department had received 10,795 civil papers and served 9,870. In regards to warrants, he said 1,509 have been received while 2,356 have been served.

During the month of October alone, Whitworth said 1,020 civil papers were received and 910 were served. Also during the month, 134 warrants were received and 185 were served. Whitworth said the average daily population at the jail during October was 141 inmates. He also took the opportunity to invite the new commissioners to come anytime to the sheriff's department or jail to tour the facilities.

As always, the sheriff and chief deputy encouraged citizens to report any suspicious activity during the holiday season.



LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN ELBA responded Thursday, Nov. 20, shortly after 3 p.m. to a one-vehicle accident on County Road 364. Upon arrival on the scene, responders found that this Chevrolet passenger vehicle had left the roadway after the driver lost control and hit embankment and tree before coming to a halt. Reportedly, three Elba High School students were inside the vehicle at the time of the accident. Officials said all three - Autumn Sasser, Seth Walden and Branton Bowers - left the scene by ambulance en route to Elba General Hospital. According to reports, Sasser and Walden both were later transported to a Dothan hospital to receive further treatment for injuries they sustained in the accident. Bowers reportedly sustained only minor injuries during the crash. Responding to the scene were members of the Elba Police Department, Elba Fire Department and Coffee County EMS. The accident was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers office.

Coffee County Commissioners approve tax abatement for Wayne Farms LLC

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday, Nov. 24, in favor of a resolution to approve a tax abatement for Wayne Farms LLC.

Commission chairman Jim Thompson said the company is planning a more than \$6 million capital improvement expansion project. According to Thompson, the issue was discussed more in-depth during a recent work session of com-

missioners; therefore, not many details were discussed during Monday's meeting.

Commissioner Robert Stephens did cite some figures that commissioners had received in regards to this project.

According to an impact of 100 manufacturing jobs study credited to the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, this type expansion project could lead to 415 more jobs, \$12,700,000 more personal income per year and \$540,000 increased tax revenue.

During annual Coffee County Farm-City Banquet

Elba General Hospital receives 2008 Industry Award

Hundreds of people gathered last Thursday evening, Nov. 20, at the farm center in New Brockton for the annual Coffee County Farm-City Banquet.

The highlight of the evening was the awards ceremony. Among the award recipients during the evening was the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. The hospital received the 2008 Industry Award from the Coffee County Farm-City committee.

Elba General Hospital opened its doors on Aug. 15, 1963 through funding provided by the Hill-Burton Act and the tireless efforts of local leaders.

Originally, the facility included 23 patient beds, a surgery and recovery suite, labor and delivery rooms, a nursery and single-bed emergency room. Ancillary services included a small lab and one room x-ray department.

The Elba Nursing Home with 40 beds was dedicated Dec. 11, 1966 and opened Jan. 1, 1967 with the admission of 23 residents.

Currently, the hospital accommodates 20 patients on the Northwest Wing where they are closely monitored 24-hours a day by a staff of 25 nurses. Laboratory services are pro-

vided to both in-patients and outpatients using the most current hematology equipment available. Respiratory therapy services such as arterial blood gases, EKGs and pulmonary function studies are performed by a staff of certified respiratory therapists. The radiology department offers open MRI, CT scans and ultrasound technology along with traditional x-rays conducted by certified technicians under the direction of a radiologist.

The hospital houses a Level II emergency department that includes three trauma beds and three exam rooms. With the

growing demand for outpatient services, the hospital recently expanded its outpatient department to include a new medical records department, Open MRI suite and rehabilitation services.

The nursing home now has a capacity of 111 skilled nursing beds.

Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home is the workplace of over 200 employees, making it the largest employer in west Coffee County. Situated on the hospital campus are the offices Elba's four physicians.

Ellen Briley has served as chief executive officer and administrator since 1991. The hospital and nursing home are operated by the Healthcare Authority of Elba under the leadership of board members Cabert Mills, chairman; Jimmy Cook, vice chairman; Daniel Stephens, secretary; and Dr. Kenneth Strong.



ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME received the 2008 Industry Award during the Coffee County Farm-City Banquet held last Thursday evening, Nov. 20, at the farm center in New Brockton. The event "kicked-off" Farm-City Week (Nov. 21-27) for the county. The purpose of Farm City Week is described as bringing a better understanding between rural and urban people by increasing their knowledge and appreciation of each other as partners in progress. The Elba industry was one of several award recipients recognized during this year's banquet. Those pictured above include (left to right) Frank Thompson, representing the Enterprise Coffee County Economic Development Corporation; Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home staff and board members - Ceina Spicer, Daniel Stephens, Mary Gray, Marie Lepore, Cabert Mills, Jimmy Cook, Ellen Briley, Emily Cain and Cindy Murphy; and Eddie Vaughan, representing the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Additional award recipient photos can be found in an upcoming edition of The Elba Clipper.

75 percent interest rate for the year.

County administrator Kathy Lolley recommended staying with Troy Bank and Trust since it offered a better interest rate. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

In other routine business, commissioners:

- Voted to rescind a motion made during a previous meeting to send out bids on a fire alarm system.

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board recently met with engineers from Peters Municipal to discuss the needs and prospects for an additional water well to replace the Pea River well that has developed problems in recent months.

These problems have resulted in shutting down this well and pumping water out to the East Elba elevated tank from a downtown water line via an auxiliary pump and a temporary hose across Pea River.

Engineers estimate it will cost \$600,000 to replace the well and install a stand-by generator for operation when electric power is down. Elba officials are proceeding with

the purchase of property adjacent to the elevated water tank off U. S. 84 East to locate this new well.

Marlin Cook, of the Alabama Geological Survey, has reviewed the site and assured engineers it is a good location and water will come from the Clayton formation, or from about 800 feet deep.

The pump being considered will be capable of pumping 600 gallons per minute.

Utility board members are reviewing all options before making a decision on drilling the well. The cost of a USDA water well construction loan is 4.5%, according to Mayor James Grimes. State and Federal grant funds are also being considered, but only a few options are available and often take up to two years for approval.

Grimes noted that engineers recommend the board consider private financing, rather than using government funds because there are far fewer regulations to comply with, thus saving considerable money.

NOTICE
Chapter One of "Feels Like Christmas" is located on Page 2 of today's paper.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 27 (TODAY), and Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with water, electric, street or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage department will run its regular schedule on both days.

THE ELBA CHRISTMAS PARADE will be Thursday, Dec. 4, at 5:30 p.m. Parade entry applications can be obtained from the Elba Chamber of Commerce, 329 Putnam Street, Elba. The deadline for parade applications is Monday, Dec. 1. For more information, call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED: The annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign began Wednesday, Nov. 26 (only one day this week). Beginning Friday, Dec. 5, bell ringing will continue every Friday and Saturday through Saturday, Dec. 20. To volunteer to be a bell ringer in Elba, call Barbara Turner at 897-5202 or Kristy Hickman at 897-2090.

• Voted to give permission to the Martin Luther King March participants to gather on the steps of the Enterprise Courthouse on Jan. 18th to begin this annual march.

• Voted to set the Coffee County Commission meetings for the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 9 a.m.

• Voted to seek legislation for the chairman to set an alternate meeting place for the commission in case of a natural disaster.

Elba Water & Electric board meets with engineers to discuss water well issue

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Members of the Alabama House Democratic Caucus were holding press conferences all across Alabama last week with their plan to eliminate the state sales tax on groceries. We like the idea of any tax cut but hold our breath any time one is mentioned, waiting for the other shoe to drop . . . like where will they add a tax to replace the cut? Government just can't figure out how to cut spending, it just isn't how politicians and the associated bureaucracies work. Right now with the tax coffers already falling short of funding the spending promises made by this same legislature, we also question the logic of even thinking about eliminating any tax source.

The Monday morning announcement of a \$20 billion stock purchase and \$308 billion loan guarantee - federal bailout deal of banking giant Citigroup warps our mind. Just a few weeks ago this bunch was trying to "save" Wachovia Bank by buying them. The actual folks making these bailout deals are US - me and you - the working stiffs of America. At the same time we have yet to see anyone present a (fair) plan to help the hoards of Americans living from pay check to pay check and falling behind with that stack. Thankfully we personally paid our home mortgage without anyone bailing us out.

We are as guilty as other media outlets in dwelling on this issue of a dropping economy entirely too much but here is something from one of the many e-mails we receive on the subject and a bit deeper than next week's grocery bill. It gives encouragement that things may change for the better . . . "As the financial crisis demonstrates that government is incapable of saving us from human errors, we can anticipate a spiritual revival, by which Americans once again turn to God, not the false idol of the state, to provide for our needs." We can accept that . . . hopefully you can also.

Gasoline prices are falling all across America. That is good news to all motorists. Surprisingly there have been several times of tanking when gas was actually cheaper in Elba than in surrounding communities. The big gas companies have historically given stock answers about zones and/or using up what is in the tanks, etc., for higher Elba gas prices, so this lower price stuff is a good change from the norm. Thank them the next time (of course when you are buying gas in Elba)!

We really don't know what is the best way to help returning combat veterans but the efforts by the State of Alabama are a step in the right direction. They are doing something! Officials recognize that the transition from combat living back to the great, calm life in America is not like turning a water faucet off and on and are taking giant steps toward helping those who give us so much to maintain a secure place for us and our families here in the good old USA. Hopefully these new books are just a start of a good thing.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 17, 2008, investigated the following incidents: three for domestic violence, three for criminal possession of a forged instrument, one for burglary, one for a missing juvenile, two for assault, two for menacing, one for unlawful imprisonment, one for domestic dispute, one for identity theft, one for dog running at large, one for theft of services, one for criminal trespassing, one for unauthorized use of a vehicle, two for harassment, one for a house fire and one for criminal mischief.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for no insurance, five for failure to display insurance, five for speeding, one for a suspended driver's license, one for an expired tag and one for driver's license not in possession. Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1172 County Rd. 201 (11:40 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 706 Newton St. (3:13 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire on County Rd. 513 (3:53 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 513 (4:01 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - Two-vehicle wreck reported on E. Davis St. (10:56 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 10929 Hwy. 125 (7:29 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - Domestic disturbance reported at Elba Villas (10:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1172 County Rd. 201 (4:46 p.m.). **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3244 County Rd. 105 (8:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1143 Oak (9:44 a.m.); One-vehicle wreck reported on County Rd. 364 (3:15 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 340 E. Davis St. (5:22 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Taylor Mill Rd. (3:00 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1412 Cherokee (5:03 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - Elba Fire Department dispatched as mutual aid for New Brockton Fire Department at a house fire at 322 W. McKinnon St. (6:42 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (not in progress) reported at Elba Villas (7:58 a.m.).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1206 Deal St. (9:10 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 409 Adkinson St. (11:06 a.m.).

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REV. PHILLIP B. BOX, MINISTER
ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Unity in Spirit....

The need for mutual love and unity is vital in all of God's work. "...endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is only one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Eph. 4:1-6) God has always condemned division and commanded unity among His people. Many principles and precepts from both Old and New Testament teach this kind of unity. Solomon tells us how God hates division. (Prov. 6:16-19) David wrote of the pleasant nature of unity. (Psa. 133:1) Jesus spoke of the importance of unity. (Mt. 1:25) And Paul reminded us that confusion does not come from God. (1 Cor. 14:33) Christians are to walk worthy of God's high calling. This means they will be meek, lowly and long-suffering. Jesus prayed for unity. "...that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me." (Jn 17:20-21) THIS UNITY WILL PREVAIL WHEN:

THERE IS ONENESS OF SPIRIT: The Holy Spirit of God gives life to the body of Christ. Through this oneness of spirit we are reminded that: God has chosen us in Christ (Eph. 1:4), God has made us lovely and accepted (Eph. 1:6), God has given us redemption and forgiveness of sins (Eph. 1:7), God has made known to us the mystery of His will (Eph. 1:9), and God has given us an inheritance in Christ (Eph. 1:11).

THERE IS ONENESS OF HOPE: Our one goal must be a world redeemed in Christ. The hope of the world is not education, economy, nor politics. Our only hope is Jesus. The thing hoped for is heaven. Our hope is eternal life. Christians live, "in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began." (Titus 1:2) It is through God's grace that this oneness of hope is enjoyed. (Titus 3:7)

THERE IS ONENESS OF LORD: Jesus Christ, the head of the church is that one Lord. (Phil. 2:11) Jesus Christ is both our Lord and Savior. (2 Peter 3:18) Our one hope is recognized in the one body of our one Lord...Jesus. (1 Peter 1:3)

THERE IS ONENESS OF FAITH: There is one system of belief that can lead to complete trust and surrender of the Christian to Jesus the Christ. This one faith is the gospel of Christ. Doing what God commands has always been the best for people. (Deut. 10:13) God's word keeps us from walking in darkness. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psa. 119:105) Following the Bible will bring joy now and eternal happiness thereafter.

THERE IS ONENESS OF GOD: There is one true God. He is Father of all. (Eph. 4:6) The Bible teaches, there is one God who justifies (Rom. 3:30), there is none other God but one (1 Cor. 8:4), there is one God and Father (1 Cor. 8:6), and one is doing well to believe in the one true God (Jas. 2:19). There is a God in heaven to whom we must all give account! Christian unity means we are all born of one Spirit (Jn. 3:5) and all partake of the same divine nature. (2 Peter 1:4) "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psa. 133:1) Let each of us be united in God's word and united in giving Him the thanks for all we have and will have as a result of our faithful obedience to His will!

Benefit Sing to be held for Herb and Sandra Holloway on Saturday, December 6th

A benefit sing for Herb and Sandra Holloway will be held Saturday, Dec. 6 at Bluff Springs Baptist Church and will begin at 7 p.m.

Featured will be The Old

Pleasant Shade to have their annual Christmas banquet on December 6th

On Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church will host their annual Christmas banquet at the Enterprise Inn and Suites, Glover Avenue, Enterprise, AL. Guest

St. Luke United Methodist Church to host Drive-Through Live Nativity

The St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise will hold their Drive-Through Live Nativity on Saturday and Sunday, December 13-14 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The nine scenes depicting Jesus' birth and the events surrounding it are viewed from cars driving through the church parking lot. Each scene has biblical characters in costume,

with scenery and live animals. St. Luke United Methodist is located between Alabama Street and Heath Street, near the football stadium of old Enterprise High School.

The nativity is a gift from St. Luke United Methodist to the community. Everyone is invited to come and share in this celebration of Christmas.

Round and About With Eria

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SCRIPTURE: John 14:1-31

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THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Marie Tillis, Michael Manning, President-elect Barack Obama and Family, Asja Rudolph Lorean Rogers, Kimberly Russell

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Matthew Bright-November 23, Rayfield Carpenter-November 24 (In Memory Of); Justin West-November 24;

Rev. David Head-November 25, Aubretta Williams-November 24, Ronnie and Mable Hammond-November 24 (Wedding Anniversary), Kanika Tahira (Ki Ki) Belcher-November 26, Cathynette Cross-November 26, Paul and Charlotte Whitehurst-November 27 (Wedding Anniversary), A.R. Williams & Audrey Bennett-November 27, Caleb Kelce-November 27, Berrie M. Cole-November 28, Winnie James-

Monthly Motivation: "All mothers are handicapped. They have only two hands." - Enola P. McMillan, first woman to become executive director of the NAACP.

Thanksgiving Day! - Remember November 27, 2008! Everyday is a day of Thanksgiving!

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

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Elba Elementary School

Menu

December 1-5, 2008

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Blueberry Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Pizza, Corn on Cob, Broccoli w/Cheese, Applesauce, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake Pup w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Burrito w/Cheese, Rice, Green Beans, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Bagel, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Apple Crisp, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit w/Jelly, Sausage, Pasty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Corn Dog, Turnips, Macaroni & Cheese, Cinnamon, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Chicken Nuggets, Potato Salad, Black-eyed Peas, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Special training programs being offered at EOCC-Enterprise Campus

Special training programs at Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Enterprise Campus offer employees of Wiregrass businesses and industries an opportunity to upgrade their skills in Quickbooks. This course provides an overview of the program. Participants attend

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Tiger Tales

News from
Elba City Schools

Teacher Spotlight

by Kiera Robertson

This week the teacher spotlight shines on Christina Yager Whitlock.

Ms. Whitlock teaches Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS), commonly known as home economics. The classes include fashion dynamics, food dynamics, parenting, family dynamics and human wellness.

Ms. Whitlock graduated from Enterprise High School, and from there she attended Shelton State Community College to get an Associate's degree. She then went to the University of Alabama to get a Bachelor's degree, and she is currently working on finishing her Masters degree in education administration.

Before becoming a teacher at Elba, Ms. Whitlock was the coordinator for a literacy program with the Alfred Saliba Family Services Center in Dothan. She assisted parents in getting their GED while also providing early reading skills to their preschool-aged children.

Ms. Whitlock also taught life skills classes to youth who were at risk—they were living in different group homes around Houston, Coffee, Dale and Henry counties.

Ms. Whitlock wanted to become a teacher when she started college, but she decided to go into social work instead. After working in that field for five years, she realized that she wanted to obtain her teaching certificate.

"Teaching FACS is truly my life calling," she says.

Her favorite thing about teaching is watching the expression on the students face when they have a "light bulb" moment. She also loves watching students succeed and being proud of something that they have learned or created.

She loves that EHS is a small school with great faculty, staff and students.

She says, "It is great being

Happy Thanksgiving from the Tiger Tales Staff!



Christina Whitlock

part of the Elba family and knowing almost every person in the school."

Ms. Whitlock's hobbies include: going to church, reading, sewing, cooking and shopping. Most importantly, she enjoys watching her daughters, Kaleigh, 13, and Kinsley, 11, play softball, soccer and basketball.

Senior basketball players looking forward to final season

by Lanchessia Cross

Basketball season is just getting started, but this year several students are very special to the varsity basketball teams at EHS.

With a combined total of seven senior players on both teams, it seems obvious how influential these members could and will be this season.

Lanchessia Cross and KaTrina Head hope to lead the varsity girls to victory, while the varsity boys have great leadership in Keenan Phillips, Gavin Respress, Jason Mitchell, Trey Belcher and Quenton Caldwell. The seniors excel on and off the court, and their success as student-athletes is vital to the school and their teams.

On the girls team, Lanchessia Cross, #32, looks forward to another year of success in EHS basketball. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Melvin and Cathrynne Cross. Chestie plans to attend AUM for two years then transfer to UAB to major in biomedical engineering.

KaTrina Head, #22, is the 17-year-old daughter of Karen Head. After graduation, Trina plans to attend EOC and major in business administration.

Representing the varsity boys well, Keenan Phillips, #3, is the 17-year-old son of Keith and

EHS Ambassadors assist HRDC by bagging groceries

by Kiera Robertson

On Thursday, Nov. 13, the EHS Senior Ambassadors took a trip to downtown Elba to help bag groceries at the Human Resources Development Center (HRDC).

HRDC has been in Elba for several years to help people who are in need. Some of the center's services include helping people pay their utility bills and offering food.

The program provided food for adults over the age of 62 on the day the Ambassadors volunteered. HRDC takes one day each month to bag groceries for eligible citizens. Some of the items supplied are canned foods, popcorn, healthy snacks, soup mixes, crackers, sodas, and juice, all donated by the United Way Food Bank.



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by Richi Singletary

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171 families are currently enrolled in this program from the Kinston and Elba areas. Each qualified person involved can get two bags of food from the downtown Elba office.

Inside the building, the Ambassadors lined up and loaded food into grocery carts, and then they placed the food in bags.

The staff at HRDC expressed their appreciation of the Ambassadors' work. While the job would have taken all day for the regular staff to complete, the students finished the job in an hour and a half.

The Ambassadors learned so much about helping others and giving back to the community from their experiences that they made plans to go back to HRDC every month to bag groceries for the elderly.



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The senior ambassadors created an assembly line to transport food used for the monthly grocery program for the elderly from the delivery truck to the HRDC building.



The floor of the HRDC building was filled with brown bags as the ambassadors worked to fill the bags with groceries.

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FROM THE COCKPIT New Brockton High School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney

Coaches Crosby and Zorn discuss "coaching the girls"

by Alyssa Brown

The athletic department for girls has expanded dramatically since the parents of current students were at NBHS.

There just are not enough female coaches within the faculty to coach the girls' sports. That's where male coaches come in.

Coach Crosby and Coach Zorn have stepped up to the challenge of coaching the girls. A recent interview revealed their thoughts about coaching a girls' sport.

Coach Zorn
Q: What girls' sports do you coach?
A: I'm the head coach for JV and Varsity Girls' Basketball.

Q: You are a football coach and a girls' basketball coach, which one is harder? Why?
A: Coaching girls basketball

is more challenging because the fundamentals aren't taught at an early age. Girls do not have the opportunity to play basketball until 7th grade.

Q: What is your biggest challenge with the girls?
A: The biggest challenge is getting the girls to focus on the game at hand and not what happened off of the court.

Q: What is your favorite thing about coaching the girls?
A: Girls' basketball is pure and that's the way it's supposed to be. When a girl gets it, they get it and they are so excited. It's exciting for me to see them

are so elegant and beautiful. If you were a wrestler in a tag-team match for the world championship, who would you pick as your partner? Muhammad Ali.

If you were a sandwich, which lunchmeat would you be? Steak.

Who is your favorite teacher? Coach Smith because he is strict, but still a cool and funny guy.

If you could try three careers in the future, which ones would you try? Criminal defense attorney, a doctor, or a criminal investigator.

Who is your hero? My varsity basketball coach from Texas.

What is your favorite song of all time? I Can't Live by Mariah Carey.

Fame, money, power. Which is least important to you? Fame.

If you could open a business of your own what kind would it be? A fashion industry in Manhattan, New York.

What is your favorite TV show? Life in the Fab Lane of Kimora.

What is your favorite movie? Secret Window.

What is your favorite book? The Devil Arithmetic by Jane Yolen.

Who is your favorite musical artist? Leona Lewis.

What is your favorite color? Burt orange and purple.

What is your favorite food? Sweet and sour chicken.

Are finding this year an easy one? It depends - yes and no.

Describe yourself in three words. Outgoing, driven, and athletic.

If you were stranded on an island, what one thing would you bring? Oil absorbing sheets. I can't have oily skin.

To what kind of music do you like to listen? Country, R&B, and some punk rock.

Describe the most interesting place that you have ever lived. Queens, New York.

If you could travel to a different time, to what era would it be? The 1950's.

If you could solve any problem in the world what would it be? Bad attitudes.

What is your pet peeve? I am OCD about cleaning and organizing.

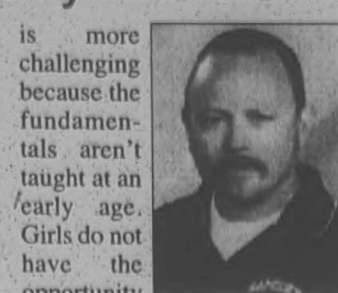
What three qualities do you look for in a friend? Honesty, wit, and friendliness.

What do you do in your free time? Go to the YMCA to workout and hang out with my friends.

If you could choose two famous people to be your parents who would they be? Enrique Iglesias and Gloria Estefan.

If you could have a boxing match with any historical figure who would it be? Hitler.

If you were reincarnated as an animal, which would you like to be? A white tiger, because they



Coach Crosby

Q: What sport(s) do you coach a girls' team for?
A: Assistant coach, varsity girls basketball.

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SPORTS



A Zion Chapel Lady Rebel looks to score after getting inside against Kinston in action last week in the Lady Rebels' win over the Lady Bulldogs.

(Mike Capps photo)



A Kinston Bulldog goes high for a rebound in last week's cross-county win over Zion Chapel. The Bulldogs competed in the New Brockton Christmas Tournament this week.

(Mike Capps photo)



A Zion Chapel Rebel looks inside for an open teammate in last week's loss to Kinston. The Rebels snapped their long losing streak in the week with a win over Poplar Springs.

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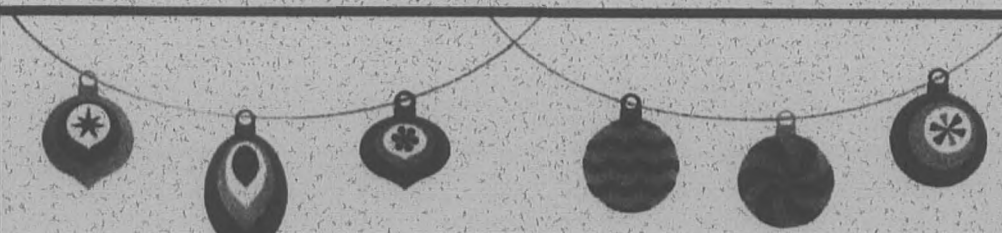
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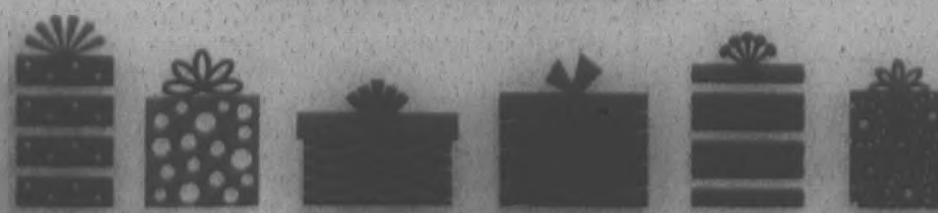
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High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Zion Chapel drops opener to PL Home 62-42

The Zion Chapel Rebels opened their season last week with a 62-42 loss to the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Rebels owned a 17-13 lead in the opening quarter, but were outscored 37-6 in the next two quarters and never recovered as they suffered the 62-42 road loss. Justin Winters scored 11 points to lead Zion Chapel.

Kinston Bulldogs get past Zion

Chapel 71-68

The Kinston Bulldogs rallied from a 15-point second quarter deficit to claim a wild 71-68 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Bulldogs scored the final 10 points of the second quarter to cut a 34-19 Rebel lead to only 34-29, but still trailed 65-64 with 1:35 remaining in the game and had to stage a late rally to pull out the wild win on the road. A.J. Johnson scored 38 points and Hunter Anderson added 12 to lead Kinston, while Ethan Mount scored 25 points to lead Zion Chapel and Wesley Black added 14.

Zion Chapel tripped by Providence 65-41

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled hard for all four quarters in a 65-41 loss to the Providence Christian Eagles. Ethan Mount scored 16 points and Morgan Mancil added 13 to lead the Rebels, while Johnny Dowd scored 31 points and grabbed 9 rebounds to lead the Eagles.

Zion Chapel snaps streak with 33-32 win

The Zion Chapel Rebels snapped their four-year winless streak in a big way last week as

they pounded the Poplar Springs Atomics 53-32. The Rebels jumped out to an early 22-2 lead and never looked back as they rolled to the big win in the opening round of the Poplar Springs Tournament. Wesley Black scored 12 points and Ethan Mount added 10 to lead the Rebels, while Morgan Mancil scored 9 points.

New Brockton opens with big 58-48 win

The New Brockton Gamecocks tipped off their season last week with a solid 58-48 win over the Geneva County Bulldogs. Shambrey Johnson scored 23 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks, while Justin Flowers added 23 points and 17 rebounds. Rico Reese scored 24 points and pulled down 7 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs.

Kinston Bulldogs outscored by Samson 78-69

The Kinston Bulldogs fought hard for all four quarters in an exciting 78-69 loss to the Samson Tigers. Hunter Anderson scored 20 points and A.J. Johnson added 14 to lead the Bulldogs, while Brandon Carter scored 31 points and had 10

steals to lead the Tigers and Dalton Seabright added 14 points.

LADIES BASKETBALL

Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fall hard in opener

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels tipped off the season last week in Pleasant Home and suffered a lopsided 64-9 loss to the Lady Eagles. The Lady Rebels trailed 44-2 at the half and never threatened as they were outgunned by the high-flying Lady Eagles. Hayden Goodson scored 4 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Brittany Ward scored 23 points and Erin Byrd added 22 to lead Pleasant Home.

Lady Rebels roll past Kinston 45-20

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels claimed their first win of the young season with a solid 45-20 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Rebels led only 6-4 after one quarter of play, but outscored the Lady Bulldogs 15-4 in the second stanza to open up a 21-8 halftime lead and never looked back to claim the big 45-20 win. Haley Ellis scored 10 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Marika Whitehurst scored 7 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Lady Bulldogs ripped by Samson 66-10

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs never had a chance last week in a 66-10 loss to the Samson Lady Tigers. Casey Dean scored 7 points to lead Kinston, while Bianca Phillips scored 14 points and Jowanna Millsaps added 12 to lead the Lady Tigers.

Lady Gamecocks drop opener 26-19

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks opened their season last week with a hard fought 26-19 loss to the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs. Anna Beth Sawyer scored 6 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead New Brockton, while Megan Ford scored 10 points to lead Geneva County.

Lady Bulldogs ripped by Lady Bobcats 61-8

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued their early-season struggles with a 61-8 loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats. Casey Dean scored 4 points to lead Kinston, while Opp was led by Mychal Drew with 17 points, Katelyn Mile with 12 and Helena Harrison with 11.

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SPORTS



Brantley's Chase Hall (7) and Stephen Walker (4) close in to make the stop on a Sweet Water runner in playoff action last week. The Bulldogs were ousted from the 1A playoffs with a 47-7 loss to the two-time defending state champions, but ended the season with a 12-1 record.

By Greg Brunson

Photos by Janet Brunson and Mike Capps

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their season come to an abrupt end Friday night at the hands of the Sweet Water Bulldogs as the two-time defending state champs took advantage of six turnovers and used a big play offense to post a convincing 47-7 win, in Brantley.

Brantley's first turnover came on the second play of the game when Sweet Water's Delano Brewer pounced on a Bulldog bobble at the Brantley 32-yardline. Seven running plays later Sweet Water reached the endzone on a 3-yard run by Chris Landrum and Hunter Mayton kicked the extra-point to give the visiting Bulldogs a 7-0 lead with 7:43 remaining in the first quarter.

Brantley received the ensuing kickoff and marched down the field on an 11-play drive that reached the Sweet Water 23-yardline, only to see the early scoring opportunity go by the board when a fourth down play failed to move the chains.

Sweet Water regained possession at its own 31-yardline and marched 69 yards in 8 plays to add to its advantage. Chris Landrum scored on a 33-yard dash around the left end,

and although the two-point try failed, Sweet Water owned a 13-0 lead with 9:02 remaining in the second quarter.

Brantley gave its large crowd of supporters something to cheer about on the game's next offensive series as the hometown Bulldogs got on the scoreboard. The touchdown came when Chase Hall connected with Anthony Gulley deep in the Sweet Water secondary, and Gulley pulled away from a defender and raced into the endzone on a 60-yard scoring play. Britt Barnes booted the extra-point and with 8:33 left in the second quarter Brantley was very much alive as they trailed only 13-7.

Sweet Water's Antonio Landrum returned a Brantley punt 20 yards to the Brantley 35-yardline late in the half and four plays later Chris Landrum broke loose again as he took a handoff and broke off left tackle on a 23-yard scoring dash. Mayton's extra-point was true and with 2:48 remaining in the second quarter Sweet Water's lead was up to 20-7.

Sweet Water's offense was right back in business two plays later, after Demarquis Williams picked off a Brantley pass and returned it to the Brantley 15-yardline, and this time it took only two plays to

reach paydirt as Johnny Lockett got the call on both plays and scored on an 11-yard burst up the middle. Mayton's extra-point was true and with 1:18 left in the half Sweet Water had taken command by opening up a 27-7 lead.

A 12-yard run by Brantley's Stephen Walker and a 12-yard pass from Chase Hall to Devontae Porter helped Brantley reach the Sweet Water 30-yardline on the game's ensuing possession. However, a pass interception by Julian Gaines on the final play of the half ended the threat and at intermission Sweet Water left the field with a solid 27-7 lead.

The third quarter included a number of turnovers by both teams as Sweet Water's Ryan Preston recovered a Brantley fumble, Brantley's Tevin Daniels recovered a Sweet Water fumble and Sweet Water's Antonio Landrum picked off his second pass of the night at its own 35-yardline. It took Sweet Water only three plays to cash in the second quarter turnover of the quarter as Chris Landrum struck again and raced 53 yards on a toss sweep around the left end. Mayton booted the extra and with 3:00 remaining in the third quarter Sweet Water's lead was up to 33-7.



Brantley's Anthony Gulley (2) looks for running room as teammate Freeman Walker (51) closes in to make a block. Gulley pulled in a 60-yard touchdown pass in the playoff match-up, but it wasn't enough as the Bulldogs saw their season end with a 47-7 loss to Sweet Water.

STATISTICS

B	SW
9	1st Downs 14
26-96	Rushes-Yds. 44-337
106	Passing Yds. 27
202	Total Offense 364
27-73	Passes 2-4-0
44-5	Penalties-Yds. 11-85
3	Fumbles Lost 1
124	Return Yds. 98
2-36	Punts-Ave. 3-29



FOLLOW ME... Brantley's Freeman Walker (51) leads the way as Stephen Walker (4) follows closely on a big gain around the end in last week's playoff battle with Sweet Water.

LEGAL NOTICE

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In the last three years alone he's driven 80,000 miles to play in more than 50 cities in 20 states. The journey, and the songs, began in the Pacific Northwest. Craig's parents were both music teachers, so around the house, sounds ranged from Brubeck to Mancini. Later influences included Motown, Joni Mitchell, Tom Lehrer, and The Beatles.

Craig spent more than 20 years playing almost every night of the week inside a forty-block radius. During that time he shared the stage with a wide variety of acts: Mose Allison, Rosanne Cash, Catie Curtis, Crash Test Dummies, Donovan, Dennis Miller, Anne Murray, Danny O'Keefe, Leroy Parnell, Paula Poundstone, Boz Skaggs, Jethro Tull and many others.

Things changed in 1995, when country music star Trisha Yearwood recorded Craig's song "Little Hercules." He hung a gold record on the wall and started traveling to Nashville on a regular basis. In recent years, Craig's songs have been recorded by artists including Kathy Mattea, Lorraine, Sons Of The Desert, Kate Markowitz, Andrea Zonn, Berkley Hart, and Peter, Paul and Mary.

** Hunting Spotlight **



MARY BRUNSON, 11-year-old daughter of Matt and Stephanie Brunson, Elba, is shown with her first deer, shot Saturday afternoon, Nov. 15, during Alabama Youth Hunt Day. Mary was hunting with a .243 rifle and brought down the deer with one shot.

Annual Miss Christmas pageants held Nov. 14th in Elba



BABY MISS...The Miss Christmas pageants were held Friday evening, Nov. 14, in Elba. Winners in the Baby Miss category included: Gabrielle Daves, third runner-up; Alyson Chandler, second runner-up; Caitlin Hughes, first runner-up; and Jaya Favor, Baby Miss Christmas.



TINY MISS...The Miss Christmas pageants were held Friday evening, Nov. 14, in Elba. Winners in the Tiny Miss category included: Alayvia Stinson, third runner-up; Emily Durga, second runner-up; Jaiden Paul, first runner-up; and Makynlea Cain, Tiny Miss Christmas.



TOT MISS...The Miss Christmas pageants were held Friday evening, Nov. 14, in Elba. Winners in the Tot Miss category included: Kendallyn Lawford, third runner-up; Madison Rogers, second runner-up; Jaysa Messer, first runner-up; and Madison Madalloni, Tot Miss Christmas.



PETITE MISS...The Miss Christmas pageants were held Friday evening, Nov. 14, in Elba. Winners in the Petite Miss category included: Sarah Cronk, third runner-up; Lexi Lovorn, second runner-up; Haylee Hutchinson, first runner-up; and Enley Carnley, Petite Miss Christmas.



LITTLE MISS...The Miss Christmas pageants were held Friday evening, Nov. 14, in Elba. Winners in the Little Miss category included: Haley Parrish, third runner-up; Ali Wiggins, second runner-up; Ally Young, first runner-up; and Jessie Keen, Little Miss Christmas.



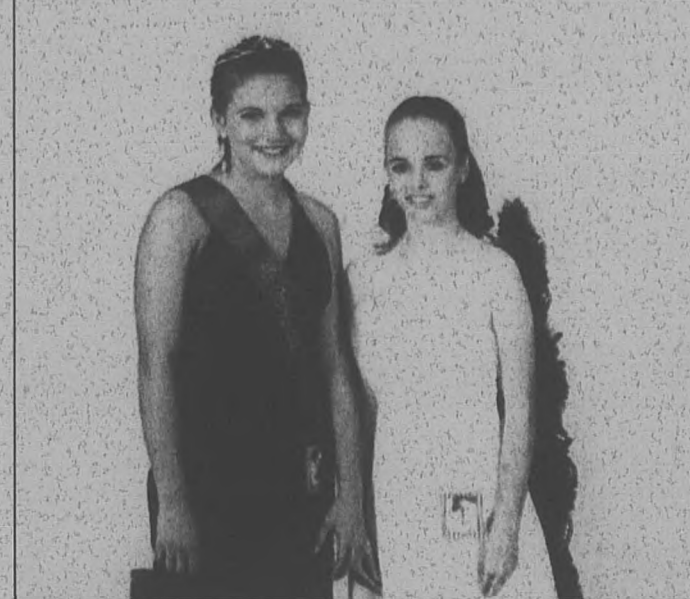
MINI MISS...The Miss Christmas pageants were held Friday evening, Nov. 14, in Elba. Winners in the Mini Miss category included: Alexis Adkins, third runner-up; Savannah Reynolds, second runner-up; Emily Cronk, first runner-up; and Kayla Seay, Mini Miss Christmas.



YOUNG MISS...The Miss Christmas pageants were held Friday evening, Nov. 14, in Elba. Winners in the Young Miss category included: Victoria Hudson, first runner-up; and McKayla Shaw, Young Miss Christmas.



JUNIOR MISS...The Miss Christmas pageants were held Friday evening, Nov. 14, in Elba. Meagan Concannon was crowned Junior Miss Christmas.



MISS CHRISTMAS...The Miss Christmas pageants were held Friday evening, Nov. 14, in Elba. The winners in the Miss category included: Brittany Chandler, first runner-up; and Tiffany Davis, 2008 Miss Christmas.



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